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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3109

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BIO ON NEW TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

REF DAR ES SALAAM 0740

1. GEORGE MAGOMBE, THE NEWLY-APPOINTED TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, HAS REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY AT NUMEROUS OAU MINISTRIALS. WE BELIEVE HIM TO HAVE BEEN DIPLOMATICALLY EFFECTIVE AT THESE MEETINGS. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM WE HAVE FOUND MAGOMBE REDILY TO UNDERSTAND, IF NOT NECESSARILY TO SHARE, US VIEWS ON MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST. HE IS APPROACHABLE AND, WE THINK, PRIMARILY AN AFRICAN NATIONALIST RATHER THAN AN IDEOLOGUE OF THE LEFT. MAGOMBE IS MARRIED. HE GENERALLY APPEARS AT RECEPTIONS ALONE. HE DRINKS WHISKEY AND CUSTOMARILY SPORTS A TANZANIAN CHINESE STYLE COLLARLESS BUTTON-UP-FRONT SUIT. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5'5" AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. HE SHOULD BE QUITE EFFECTIVE IN ROME, AT LEAST IN THE AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. ACCORDING TO TANZANIAN COUNSELOR HERE, GEORGE S. MAGOMBE IS A VENAL, IMMORAL PERSON. COUNSELOR SAYS MAGOMBE HAS BEEN

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NOTIFIED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE THAT HE IS GOING TO ROME "ON

PROBATION". COUNSELOR DESCRIBES AMB AS A WOMANIZER AND PLAY-BOY.

3. COMMENT: TANZANIAN COUNSELOR'S INFO SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT AS COUNSELOR AND MAGOMBE HAVE HAD SHARP PERSONAL DIFFERENCES. END COMMENT
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